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REMOTE SERVER RECORDING
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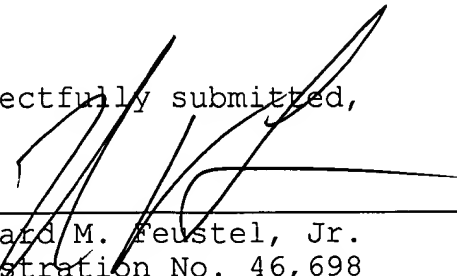
Sir:

Applicants wish to inform the Examiner that Republic of China Publication No. 247388 cited in the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) mailed May 25, 2001 was cited in a foreign communication by the Taiwanese Intellectual Property Office in counterpart Taiwanese Application No. 88111862. This foreign communication can be made available to the Examiner at the Examiner's request.

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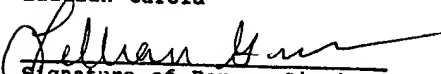
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
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Respectfully submitted,


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